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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited Seahorse Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and practitioners.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the setting's work.

- Children who are settled, confident, happy and motivated, and who enjoy their time at Seahorse Nursery.
- The management and staff team who foster positive relationships between children and families in a flexible and supportive manner.
- Outdoor learning opportunities for all children, including the engaging garden, local beach and local woodland space.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager and a representative from East Lothian Council.

- Continue to develop processes for planning, tracking and monitoring children's learning to ensure experiences consistently lead to improved progression.
- Further develop self-evaluation systems to capture the impact of improvements on children and families.
- Provide further opportunities for practitioners to engage in leadership roles to contribute to supporting improvement of the setting.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the setting's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help early learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each setting, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish early learning and childcare settings are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Seahorse Nursery

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

## Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the setting

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
<b>Quality of care and support</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Quality of environment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Quality of staffing</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Quality of management and leadership</b>	<b>good</b>

## Requirements/recommendations made by the Care Inspectorate for the setting

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and two recommendations. From these, two recommendations have been met. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/east-lothian/9902749> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

### What happens next?

We are confident that the setting has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. East Lothian Council will inform parents/carers about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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